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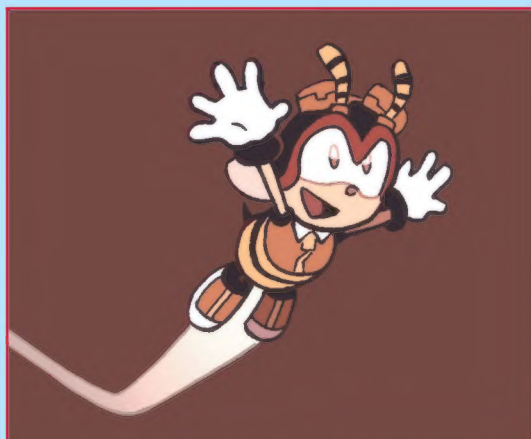
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The Blue Blur.
Fastest Thing Alive.



Espio the Chameleon
Ninja spy.
Chaotix Detective Agency member.



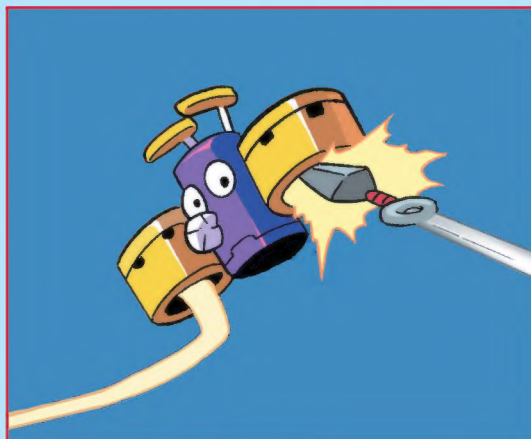
Vector the Crocodile
The Rock Croc.
Chaotix Detective Agency leader.



Charmy Bee
Fun-loving kid.
Chaotix Detective Agency member.



Antons
Badnik unicycle.
Eggman Empire.



Hoverby
Robotic flyer.
Eggman Empire



SONIC
THE HEDGEHOG
FASTEST THING ALIVE

CAREFUL-
ON YOUR
RIGHT!

LEFT,
RIGHT-
EVERYWHERE!
THEY HAVE US
SURROUNDED!

ESPIO
THE CHAMELEON
NINJA SPY FOR THE CHAOTIX

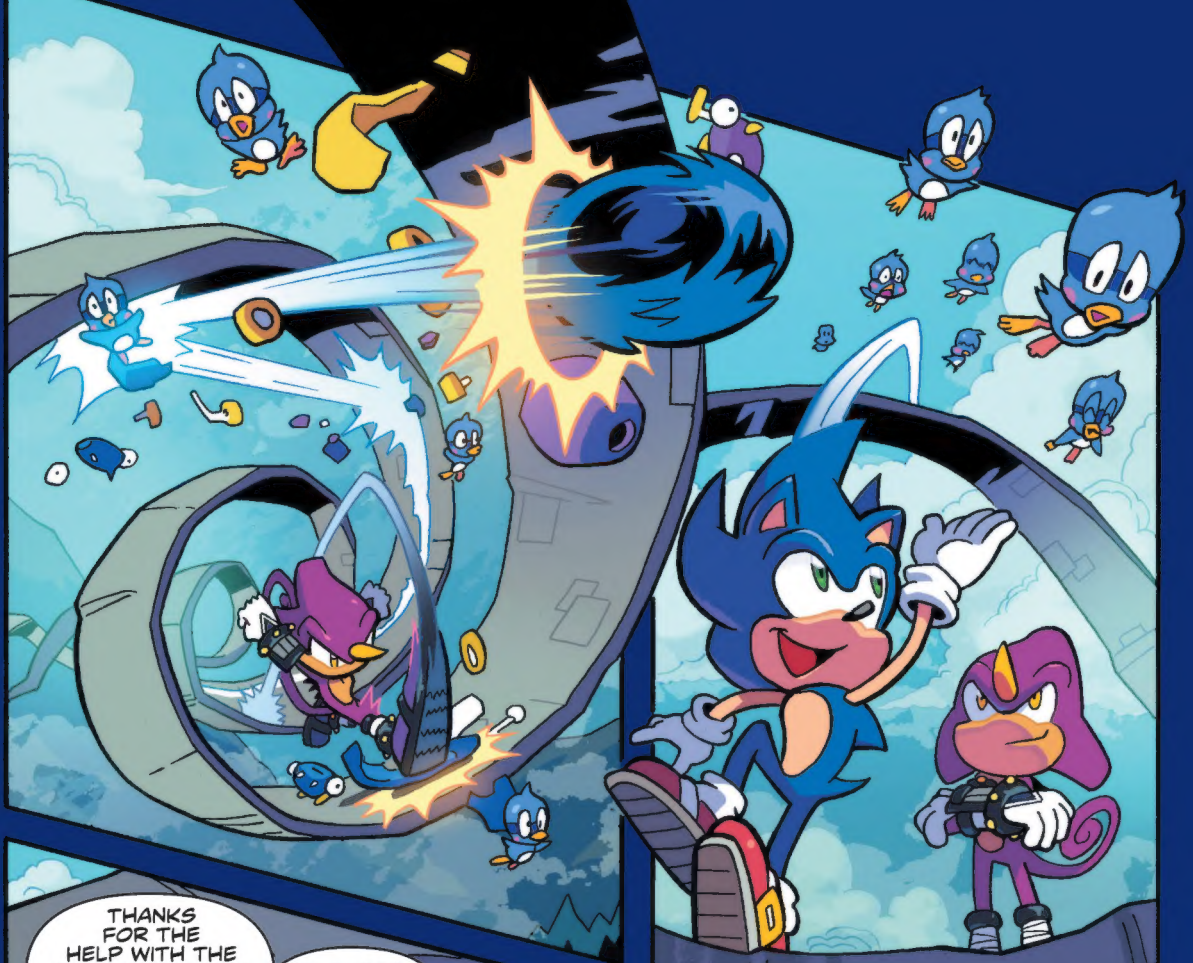


MEH,
WE'VE HANDLED
MORE THAN THIS
BEFORE. JUST
GOTTA GET INTO
THE SWING OF
THINGS!

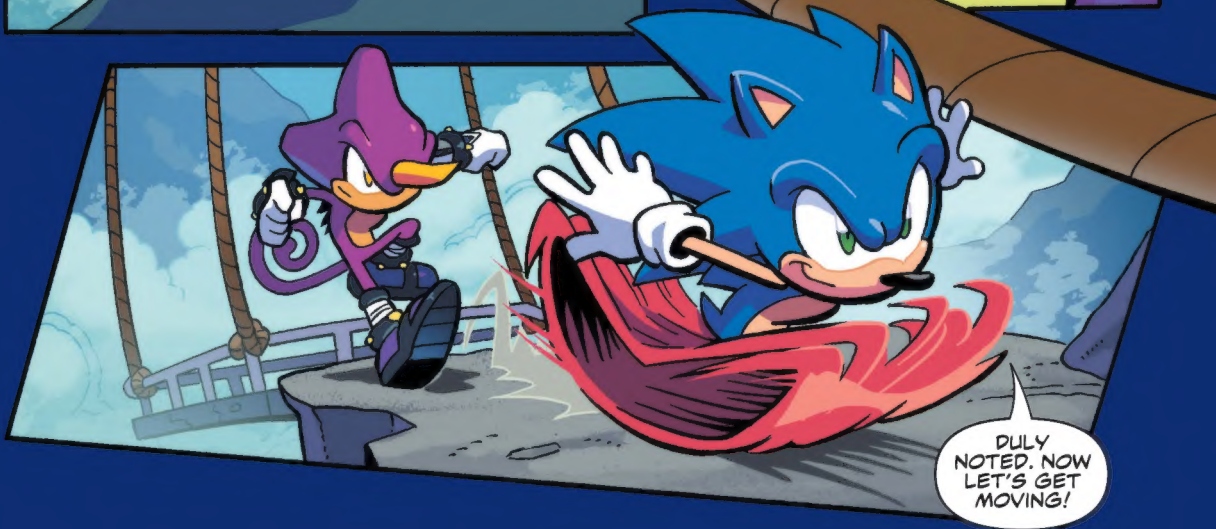
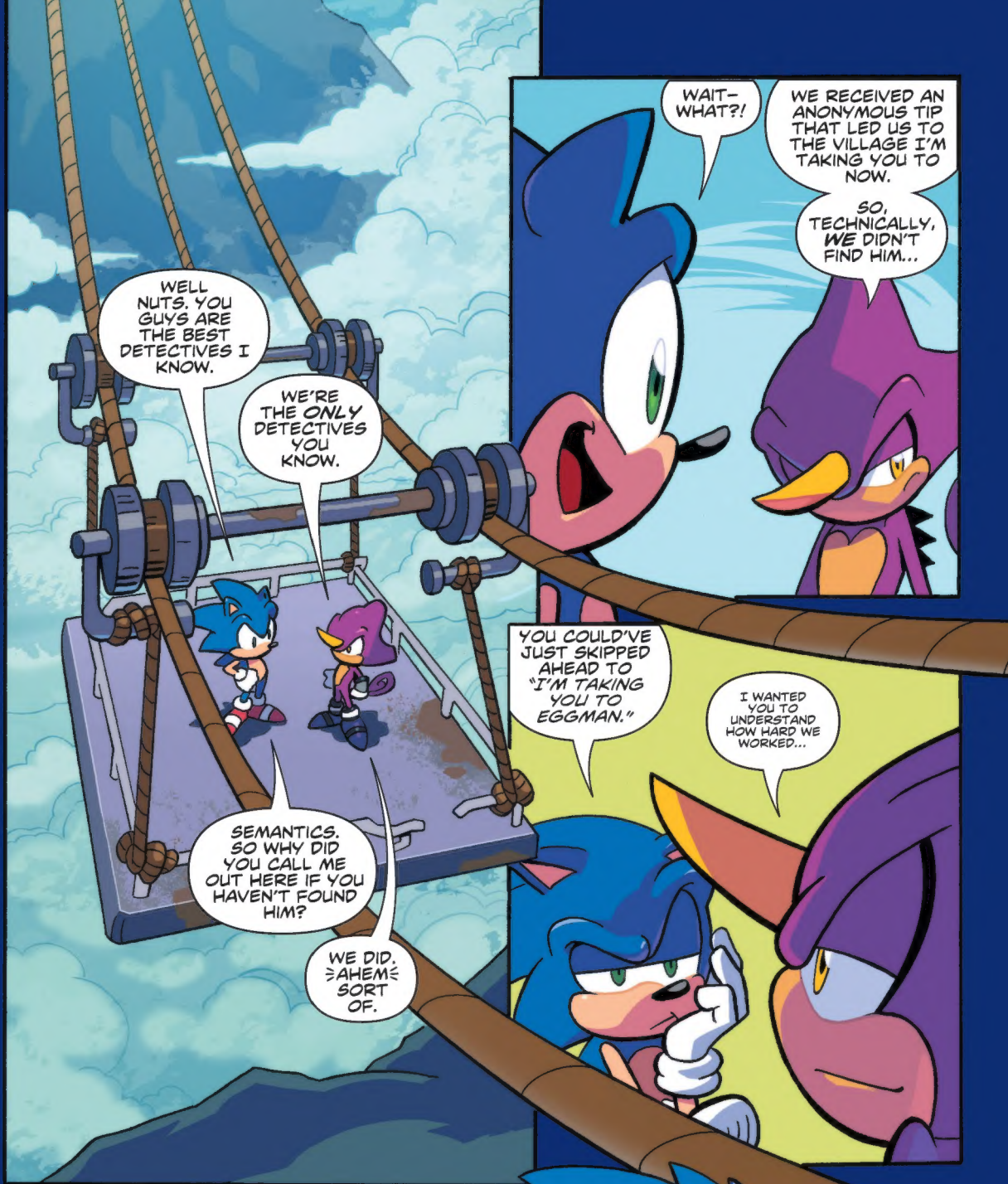
ROGER
THAT!

HAVE
YOU AND
THE CHAOTIX
TRACKED DOWN
EGGMAN
YET?

WE-
HOLD ON,
INCOMING.

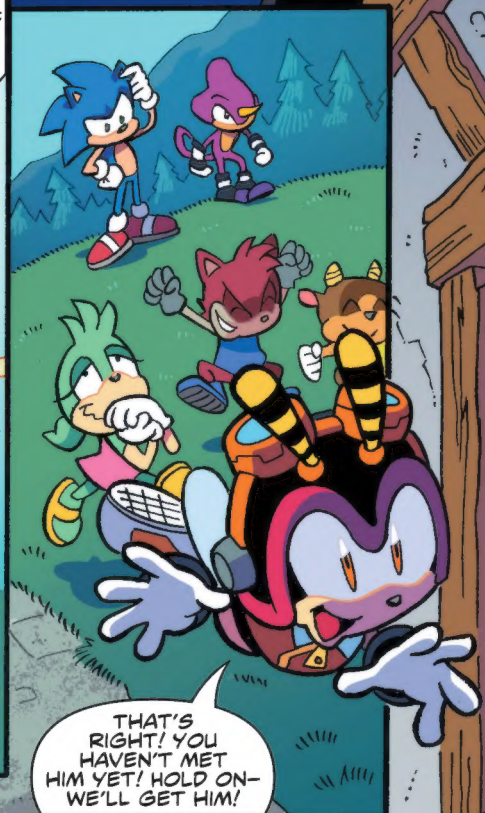
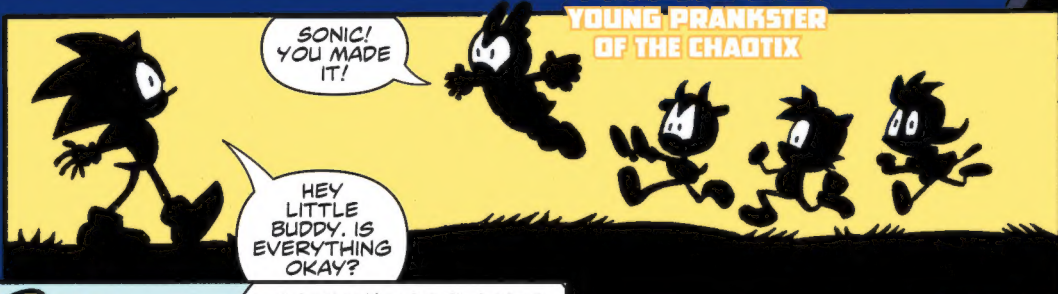


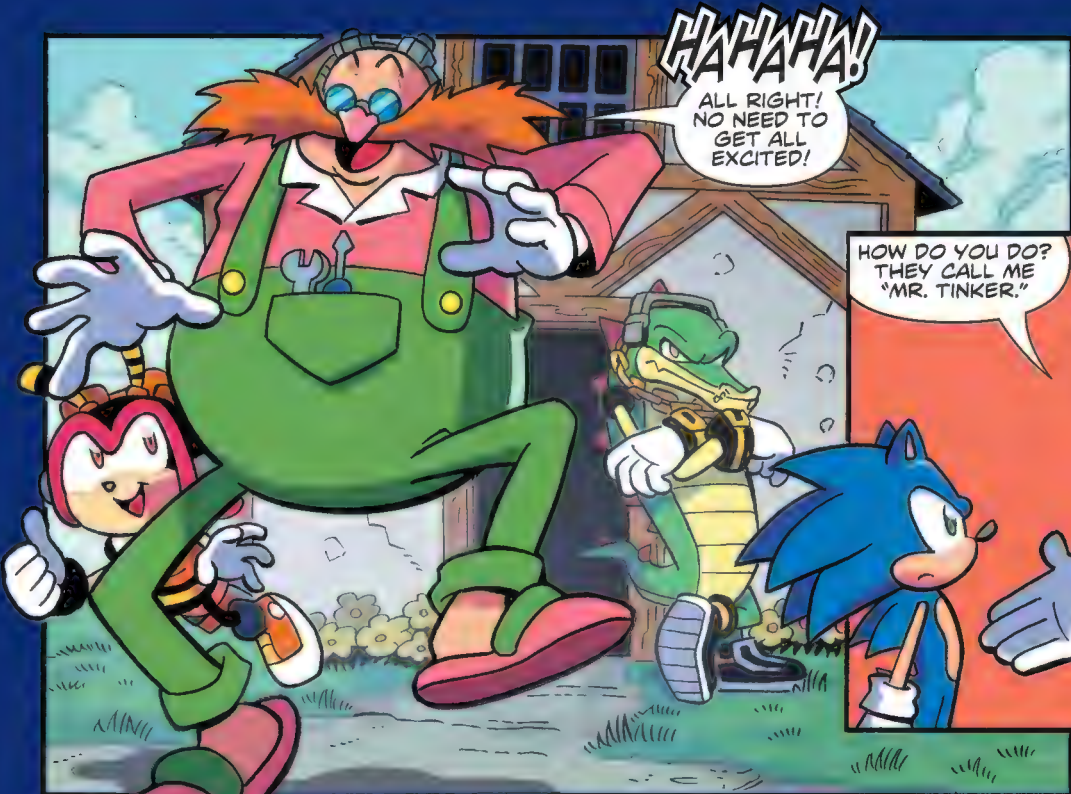






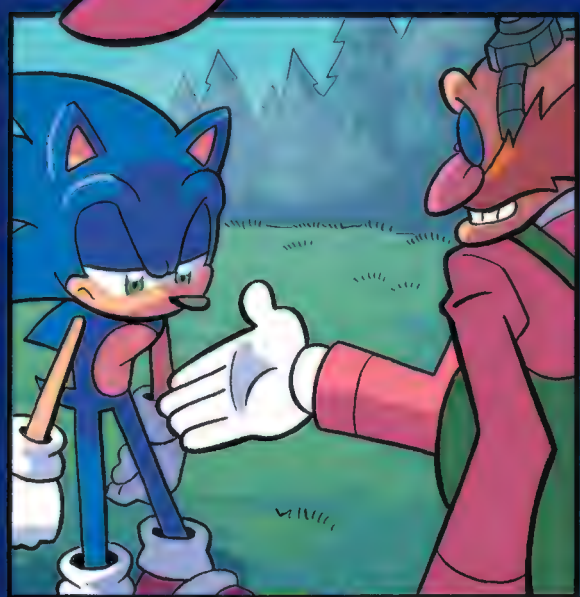
CHARMY
CHARMY BEE
YOUNG PRANKSTER
OF THE CHAOTIX





HAHAHA!
ALL RIGHT!
NO NEED TO
GET ALL
EXCITED!

HOW DO YOU DO?
THEY CALL ME
"MR. TINKER."



DID YOU REALLY
THINK I'D BUY
THIS ACT,
DOC?

"DOC?" I...
I DON'T THINK
I'VE EARNED A
DOCTORATE...

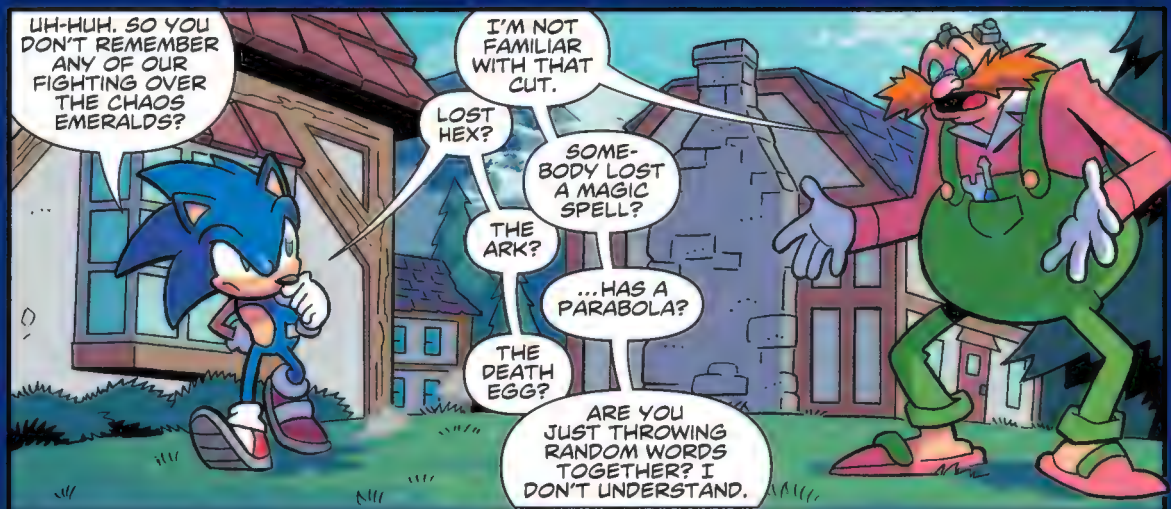


...BUT THEN AGAIN
I'M AFRAID I DON'T
REMEMBER MUCH OF ANY-
THING.

EXCEPT
HOW TO
FIX AND BUILD
STUFF! HE'S
THE BEST!



HEH,
WELL, I
CERTAINLY
TRY...



UH-HUH. SO YOU DON'T REMEMBER ANY OF OUR FIGHTING OVER THE CHAOS EMERALDS?

I'M NOT FAMILIAR WITH THAT CUT.

LOST HEX?

SOME-BODY LOST A MAGIC SPELL?

THE ARK?

...HAS A PARABOLA?

THE DEATH EGG?

ARE YOU JUST THROWING RANDOM WORDS TOGETHER? I DON'T UNDERSTAND.



DON'T SWEAT IT, MR. TINKER. THIS IS ALL A CASE OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY.

ARE YOU SURE? IF I CAN HELP, I'D LOVE TO, BUT...

NAH. YOU JUST GET BACK TO WHAT YOU WERE WORKING ON.

VECTOR
CROCODILE
CHAOTIX LEADER



THIS IS WHAT I MEANT WHEN I SAID WE "SORT OF" FOUND EGGMAN.

AND YOU'RE SURE IT'S NOT AN ACT? HE'S PULLED SIMILAR STUNTS IN THE PAST.

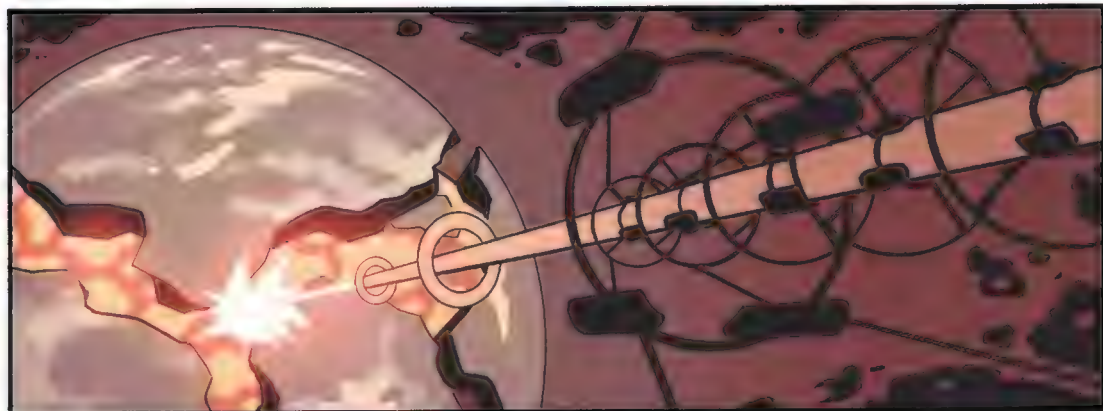
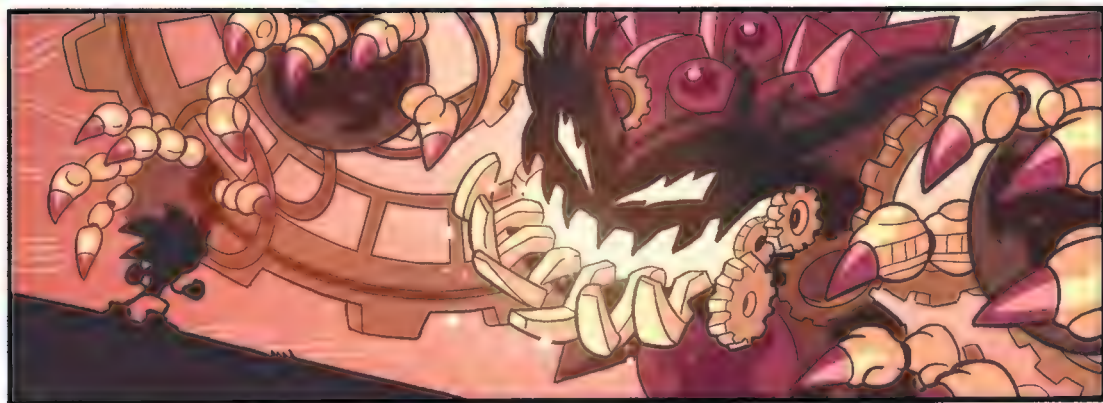
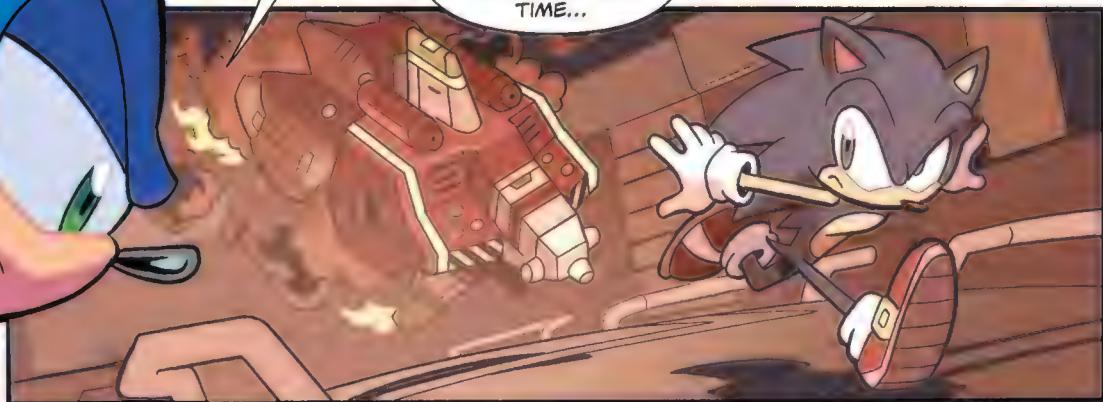
WE'VE THOROUGHLY INTERROGATED HIM AND OBSERVED HIM FOR A COUPLE OF DAYS.



IT'S LEGIT. HE REMEMBERS NOTHING.

YEAH,
BUT...HE CAN
BE **EXTREMELY**
DANGEROUS.

NEVERMIND
THE CLOSE CALLS
I'VE HAD WHILE
FIGHTING HIM. HE CAN
THREATEN **WHOLE**
PLANETS AT A
TIME...





"BUT SEEING HIM LIKE THIS..."



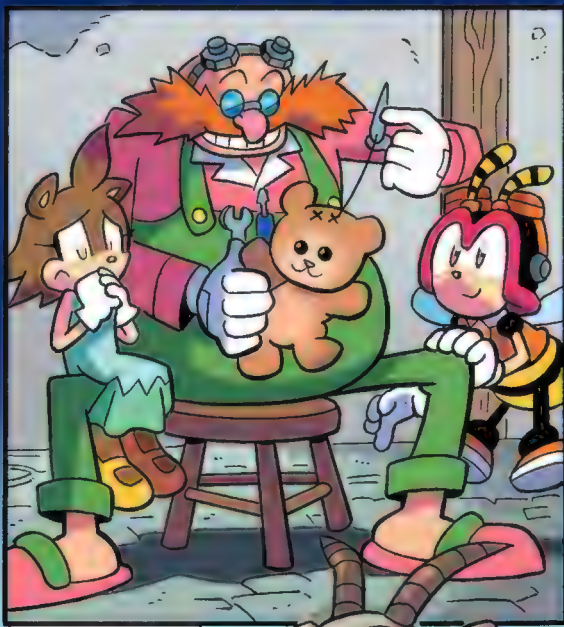
THAT'S WHY WE CALLED YOU- WE HAVE NO CLUE WHAT TO DO!

SURE, HE'S DONE SOME NASTY STUFF IN THE PAST, BUT CAN YOU REALLY PUNISH A GUY WHO DOESN'T REMEMBER DOING ANY OF IT?



THE CRIMES HAVE BEEN COMMITTED AND JUSTICE MUST BE SERVED. EGGMAN MUST BE PUNISHED.

RIGHT. BUT WOULD YOU REALLY SAY THAT'S EGGMAN?



...NO.



EXCUSE ME. I'M THE HEAD OF THE VILLAGE. MAY I WEIGH IN ON THE SUBJECT?

SURE, YOUR TOWN, YOUR RULES, RIGHT?



YES, BUT IN THIS CASE, I WOULD DEFER TO THE JUDGMENT OF A FAMOUS HERO.

BEFORE YOU MAKE YOUR DECISION, PLEASE CONSIDER THIS...

...THAT MAN APPEARED IN OUR VILLAGE ONE DAY WITHOUT WARNING. WE'RE STILL NOT SURE HOW HE ARRIVED.

WE LOCKED HIM UP IMMEDIATELY. BUT THE NEXT DAY WE FOUND HE'D BROKEN OUT—JUST TO REINFORCE HIS OWN CELL.



I DID WHAT I COULD FOR THE HINGES, BUT YOU'LL NEED AN ENTIRELY NEW DEADBOLT.



"JUST LIKE THE CHAOTIX, WE QUESTIONED AND TESTED HIM FOR DAYS. NEVER ONCE DID HE SHOW SIGNS OF HIS OLD, VILLAINOUS WAYS.



"ONCE WE REALIZED HE WASN'T—WELL, HIMSELF—WE NURSED HIS WOUNDS AND TOOK HIM IN."

"IN RETURN, HE
REPAID OUR KIND-
NESS TENFOLD. HE
REPAIRED ANYTHING WE
BROUGHT HIM, FROM
THE SMALLEST, MOST
DELICATE WORK..."



"...TO THE
LARGEST,
MOST
GRUELING
EFFORTS."

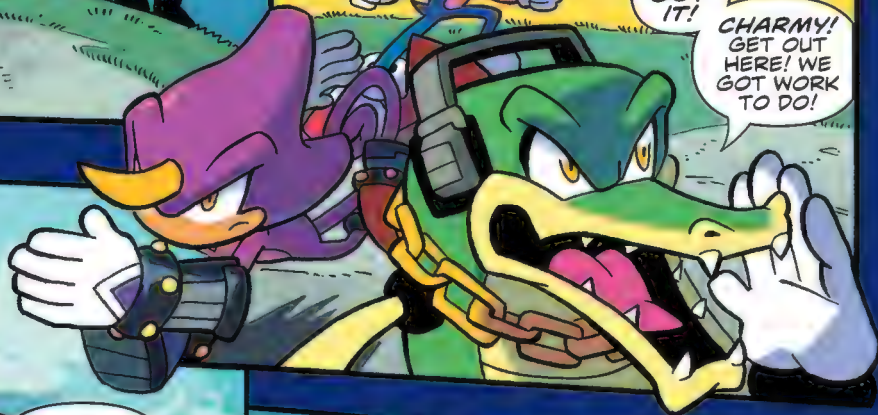


I KNOW
DR. EGGMAN IS A
TERRIBLE MAN. I'VE
HEARD STORIES OF
HORRORS I
CAN HARDLY
IMAGINE.

BUT
MR. TINKER HAS
BEEN A BLESSING
TO OUR VILLAGE.
I KNOW THAT HE
CANNOT UNDO THE
EVIL HE'S
DONE..."



"...BUT I'D
RATHER HE
REMAIN FREE
TO DO SOME
GOOD THAN
ROT IN A
CELL AND DO
NOTHING."





I-IT'LL BE OKAY, EVERYONE! THE CHAOTIX ARE HERE! THEY'LL PROTECT US!



W-WILL THE ROBOTS FIND US IN HERE?



SHHH! YOU JUST HIDE BEHIND THIS BARRICADE. EVERYTHING WILL BE FINE, I PROMISE!



I'M SORRY, I NEVER CAUGHT YOUR NAME. BUT IF YOU CAN-WILL YOU HELP DEFEND THE VILLAGE?

I-I'M ASHAMED TO SAY I'M TOO AFRAID TO FIGHT.

YOU JUST WORRY ABOUT KEEPING THESE FOLKS SAFE, MR. TINKER. I'LL HELP THE CHAOTIX SMASH THOSE BOTS!





CAN'T
HIDE FROM
ME!



NO!

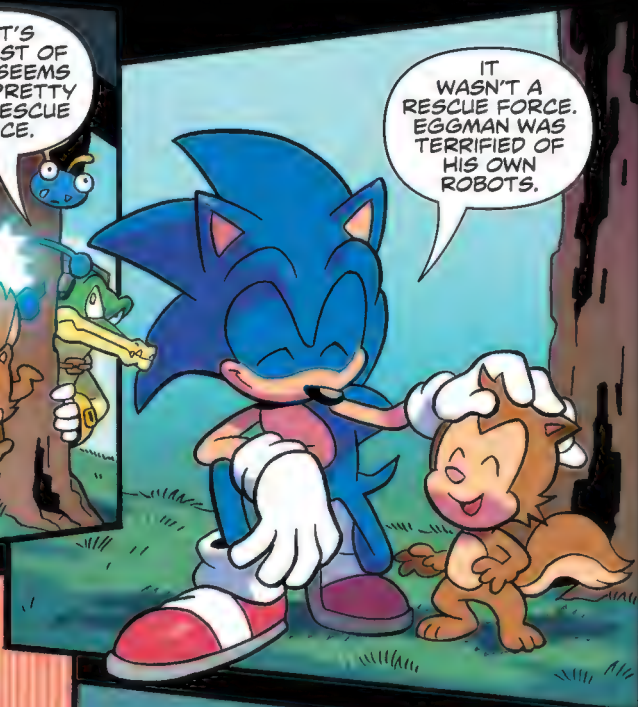
WHY
WERE SONIC
AND THE
CHAOTIX
THERE?

DID
MY FORCES
STUMBLE UPON
A SETTLEMENT?
OR HAVE THEY
FIGURED ME
OUT...?

YEEEEEOOOWRM!



THAT'S THE LAST OF THEM. SEEMS LIKE A PRETTY PUNY RESCUE FORCE.



IT WASN'T A RESCUE FORCE. EGGMAN WAS TERRIFIED OF HIS OWN ROBOTS.



YEAH! I TOLJA MR. TINKER WAS A GOOD GUY!

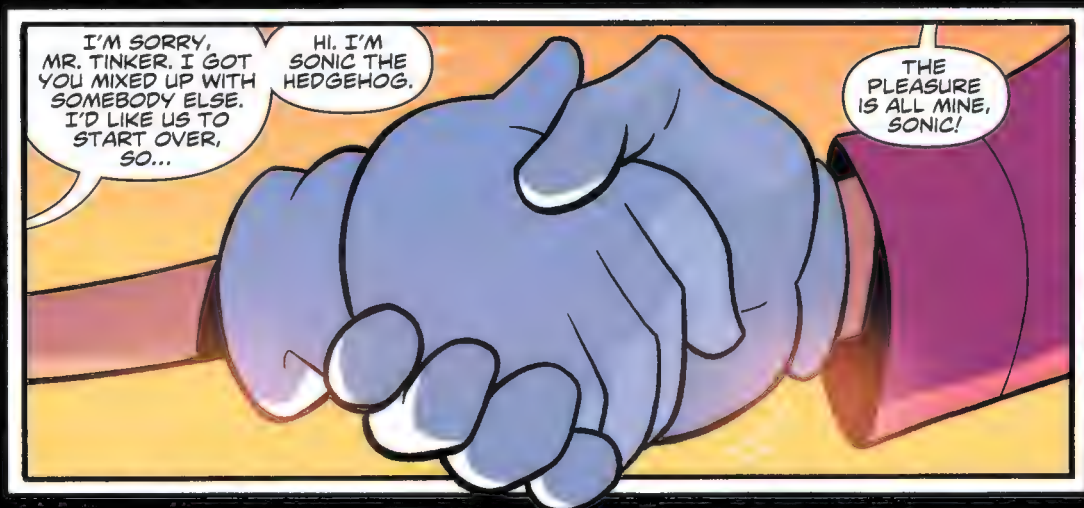
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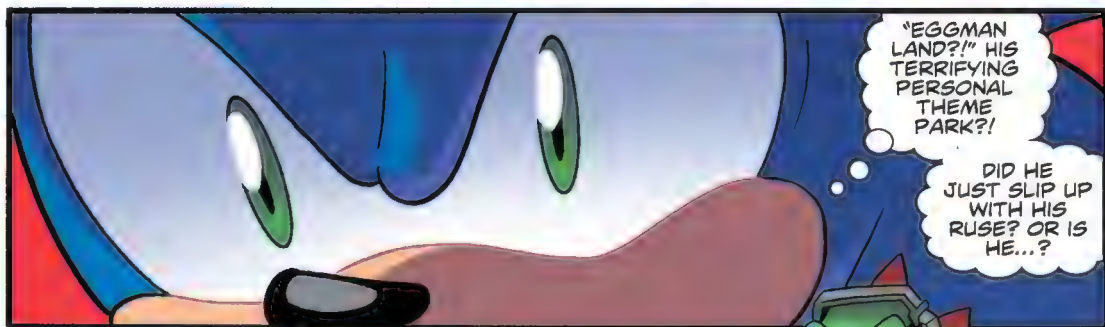


THEN HE TRULY IS A NEW MAN. WHAT DO YOU INTEND TO DO?



OH, I KNOW EXACTLY WHAT I'M GOING TO DO.





I'LL
DESTROY
YOU
FIRST.



NEXT TIME:
SONIC
VS.
SHADOW



SONIC LETTERS SQUAD

Hello Sonic fans!

Thanks for sticking with us as we've moved to monthly releases! And just because we aren't weekly doesn't mean the action's slowing down—as you just saw! We're not entirely sure who this Mr. Tinker guy is, but he seems nice—even if Shadow doesn't think so!

Thanks to Ian Flynn, Tracy Yardley!, Jim Amash, Matt Herms, and Corey Breen for a wonderful first part of "The Fate of Dr. Eggman" and we can't wait to see what they do in part 2!

Now here's what you came here for: your art, cosplays, and letters! Starting with a more serious one from the U.K.

Greetings from Blighty, and congratulations on the successful launch of a long-overdue brand-new Hedgehog-based sequential art periodical!

As long-term fans of the UK's "Sonic the Comic" dedicated/insane enough to launch an online continuation that's in its fifteenth year as I write this, we couldn't be happier to see Sonic's spikey mug back on comic store shelves where it belongs.

Raucous cheering aside, I'm afraid there is a rather sad reason for my writing.

We recently lost a long-time friend and fan in a truly callous, horrific and out-of-nowhere accident. A chap named Matt Dittmer, a truly lovely, altruistic and kind-hearted bloke about whom nobody had a bad word to say. In fact, the last time he and I spoke was about our mutual excitement for IDW's upcoming Sonic title.

While he won't be reading it (on this metaphysical plane, anyway; does your subs dept. ship to the pearly gates?) I thought it'd be lovely if he could at least be in it and get immortalised in something very important to him that gives us all a lot of happiness. I've attached a picture of Matt with some guy named Yuji Naka.

We love him, and he'll be missed terribly.

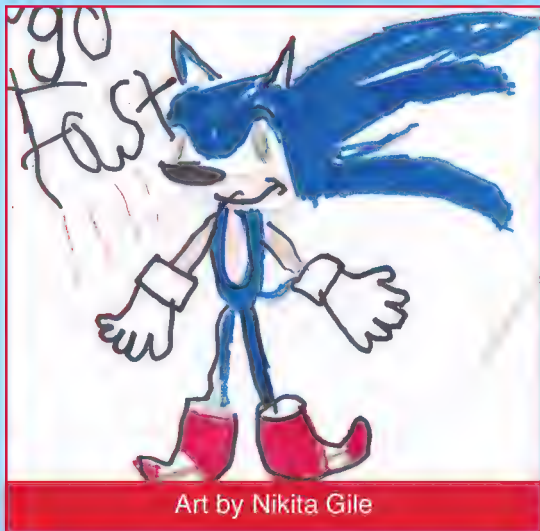


Thank you

Stuart Gipp & the Sonic the Comic Online staff

Hi Stuart,

We're immensely saddened to hear of the loss of Matt. We also feel very honored to help memorialize him in a way that would be so meaningful to the people who love him. It is amazing to see such a wonderful community grow around shared love for Sonic. Truly, thank you for sending this in.



Art by Nikita Gile



Cosplay by Matt Doyle.
Photography by J Dupont Photography.

Dear David and Joe,

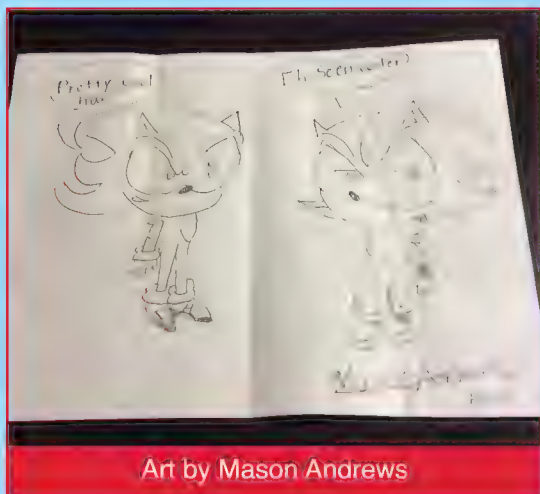
I saw your post on the IDW Sonic Facebook page and wanted to send in some photos for consideration for the comic if I could. I'd write a full letter too, but I tend to ramble a fair bit when I do so.

Anyway, as soon as I saw Tangle's design, I knew I wanted to build a cosplay of her. The funny thing was, I normally take three months to build costumes, but was challenged to do this one in three weeks. All things considered, I think it came out pretty well! As a side, I collected the Fleetway Sonic comics in the UK when they were available and did the same with the Archie ones. I've been a big fan of IDW's TMNT and X-Files comics, so I have a lot of faith that the franchise is in safe hands.

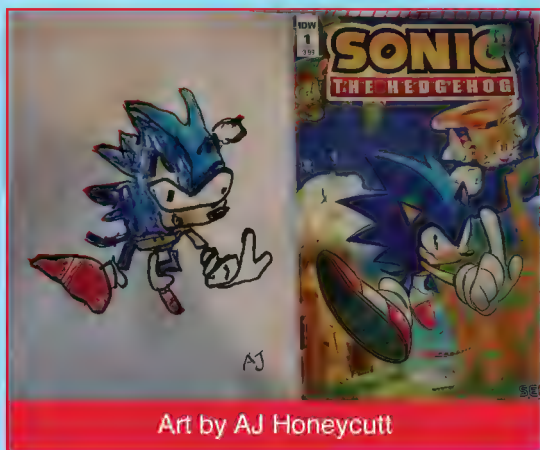
Thanks for considering the photos, and I'm looking forward to grabbing the first issue!

Matt Doyle

Aww man, Matt! That's so cool! Thank you for sending these in! You're the first Tangle cosplayer we've seen and I certainly hope not the last!



Art by Mason Andrews



Art by AJ Honeycutt

If you'd like your fanart, cosplay pictures, or letters to show up in this very space, send them to letters@idwpublishing.com, include your name, and mark them "OKAY TO PRINT!" Also, don't forget to join the IDW Sonic Comics Squad Facebook Group to see even more amazing art and keep up-to-date with all the latest info on your favorite comic! We'll see you back here with more letters and more fan art next month!

-Joe Hughes and David Mariotte

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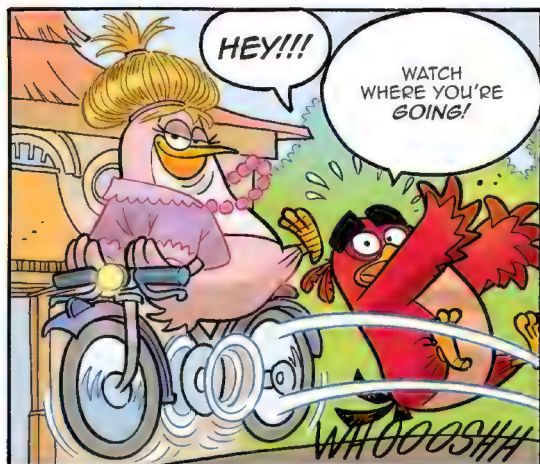
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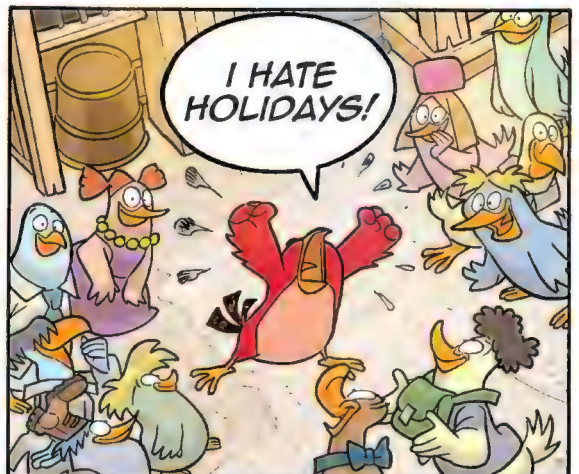
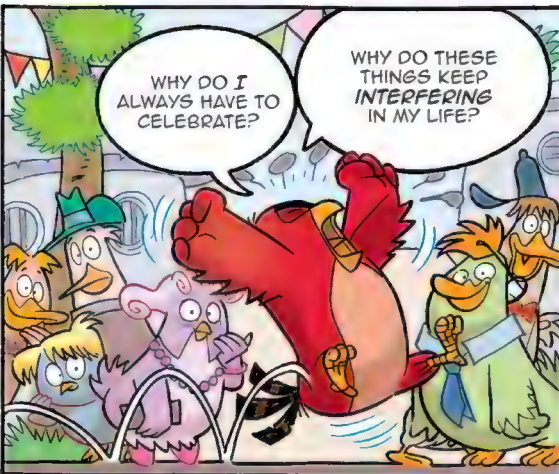
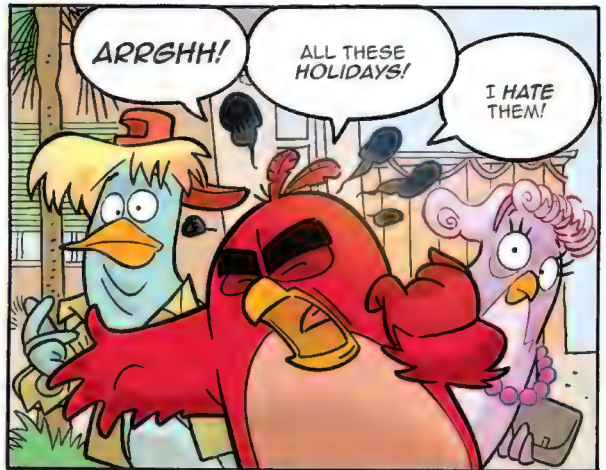
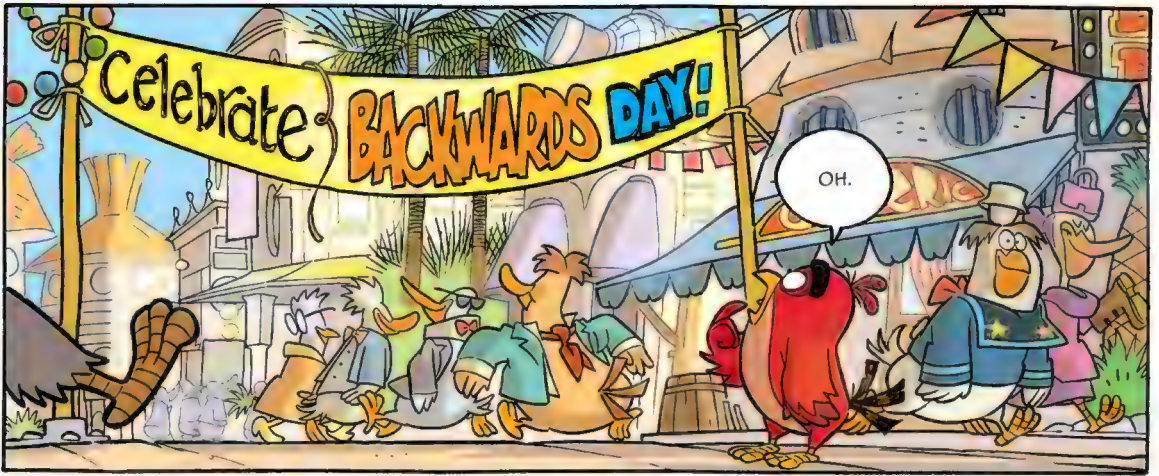
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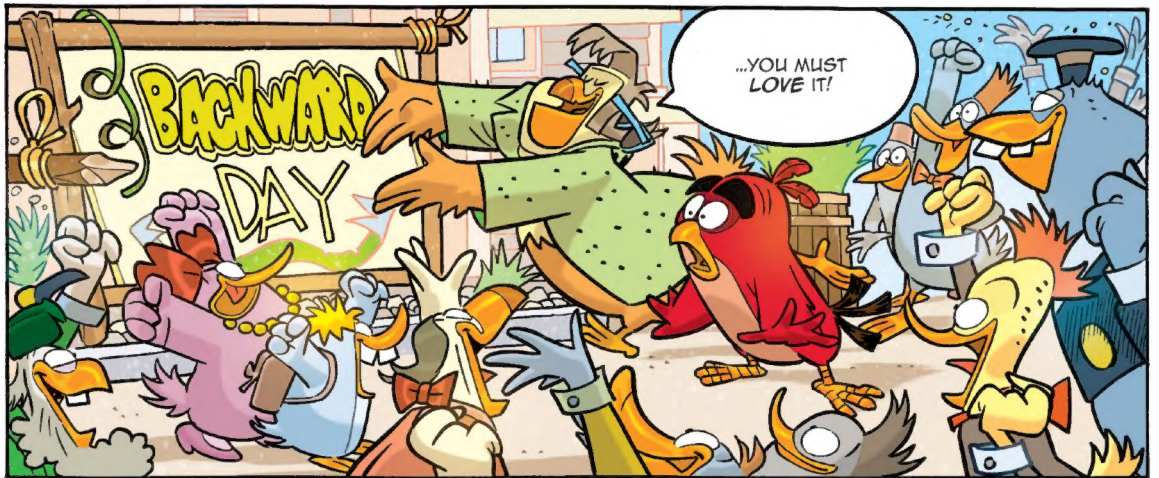
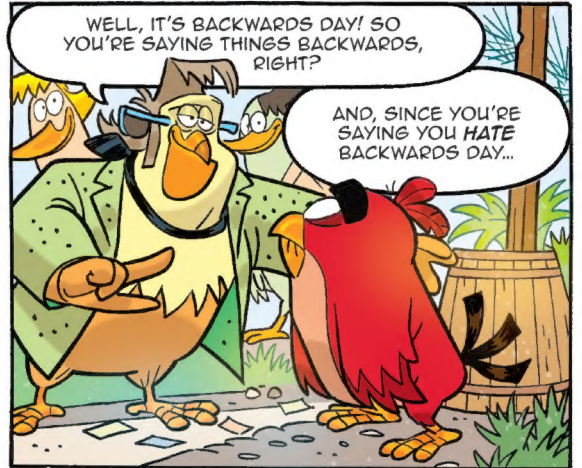
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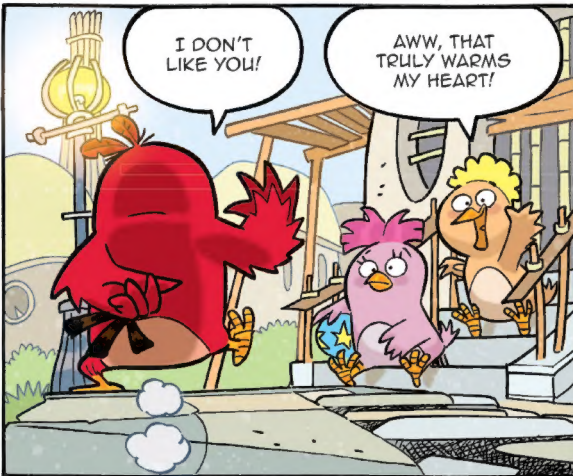
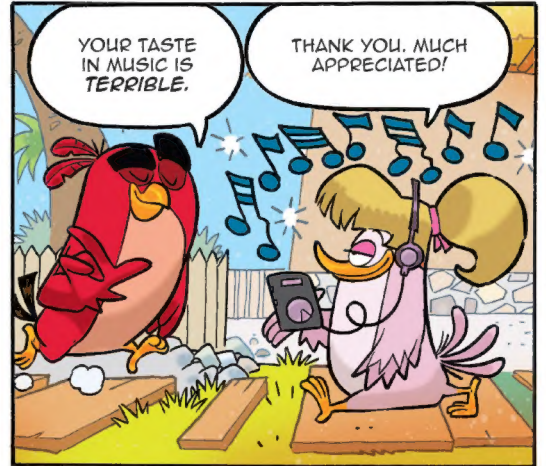
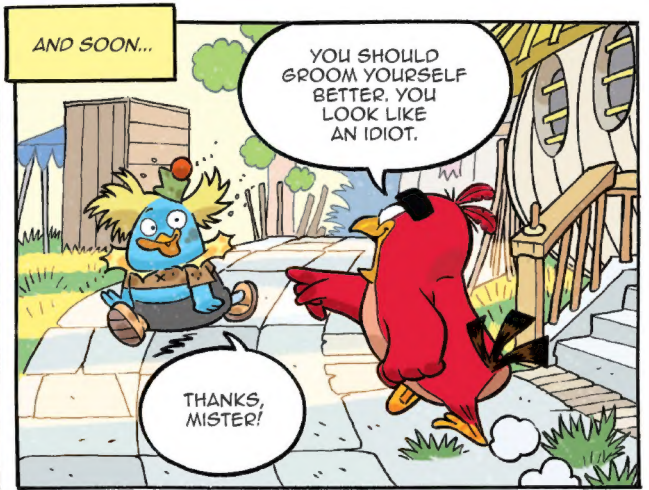
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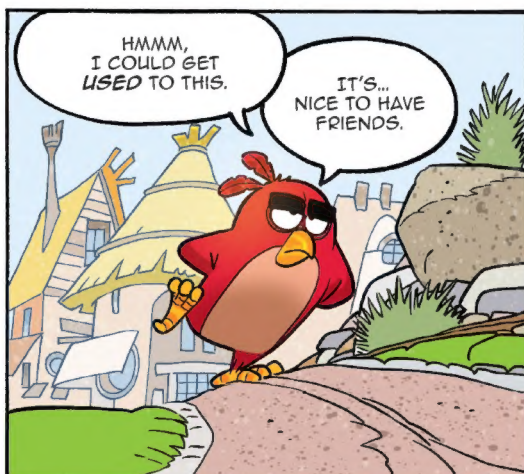
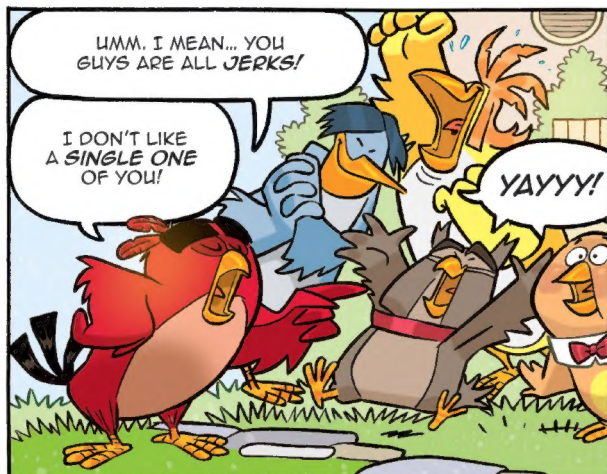
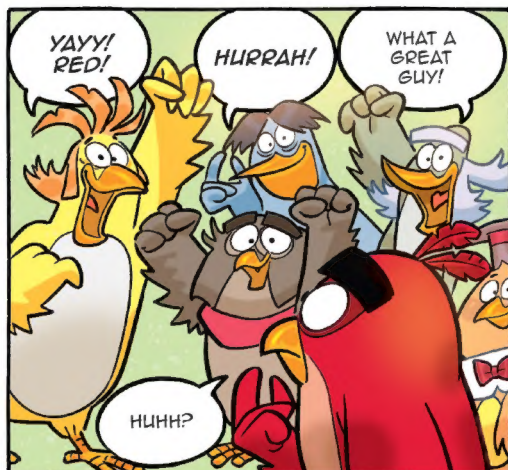
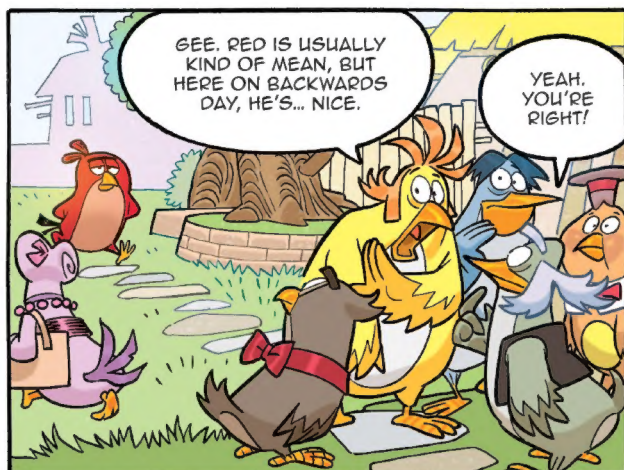




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